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Cooperating Agency: Incorporated County of Los Alamos

Title: Draft Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement on the Continued Operation of the Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico

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Abstract: DOE proposes to continue operating the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) located in north-central New Mexico. DOE has identified and assessed four alternatives for the operation of LANL: (1) No Action, (2) Expanded Operations (DOE's Preferred Alternative), (3) Reduced Operations, and (4) Greener. In the No Action Alternative, DOE would continue the historical mission support activities LANL has conducted at planned operational levels. In the Expanded Operations Alternative, DOE would operate LANL at the highest levels of activity currently foreseeable, including full implementation of the mission assignments from recent programmatic documents. Under the Reduced Operations Alternative, DOE would operate LANL at the minimum levels of activity necessary to maintain the capabilities to support the DOE mission in the near term. Under the Greener Alternative, DOE would operate LANL to maximize operations in support of nonproliferation, basic science, materials science, and other nonweapons areas, while minimizing weapons activities. Under all of the alternatives, the affected environment is primarily within 50 miles (80 kilometers) of LANL. Analyses indicate little difference in the environmental impacts among alternatives. The primary discriminators are: collective worker risk due to radiation exposure, socioeconomic effects due to LANL employment changes, and electrical power demand.

Public Comment: Comments on this Draft SWEIS may be submitted through the end of the 60-day comment period (expected to be July 15, 1998), which will commence with the publication of the Environmental Protection Agency's *Federal Register* Notice of Availability for this document. Comments may be submitted in writing or orally to DOE at the address and phone number indicated above. Oral or written comments also may be submitted at public meetings to be held during the comment period on dates and locations to be announced in the *Federal Register* and via other public media shortly after issuance of the Draft SWEIS. Comments submitted will be considered in preparation of the Final SWEIS.

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